

## A STUBBORN FIGHT

Over the Bill Which Only Pretends to Reduce Taxation.

### THE INCREASE OF SCHOOL LEVY

The Objectionable Clause and is Bitterly Opposed—Mr. Walker, of Berkeley County, Draws the Platforms of Both Parties on the Members and Shows How a Vote for the Bill Would be a Violation of Pledges to Reduce Taxation—Mr. Wilson, of Ohio County, Makes a Strong Point—The Valued Policy Bill Killed—Proceedings of the Legislature.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 8.—Mr. Prince's bill placing the state levy for school purposes at 15 cents on the \$100 valuation and 20 cents for general purposes occupied a great deal of the time of the house to-day. The bill is on its second reading, and on its being called up Mr. Brockunier moved to substitute "10" for "15." The discussion was opened by Mr. Dandridge, who opposed the bill most vigorously. The most important speech made in its behalf was that of Mr. Edwards, who characterized the opposition to it as being due to selfishness. He said he represented a wealthy county, but if it was required of him that he oppose the cause of universal education because his county would pay in under this bill more than it would receive from it, he would leave the hall of the house and decline to represent Kanawha any longer.

Mr. Clark, of Greenbrier, and Mr. Greer, of Mason, both championed the bill quite earnestly. Mr. Wilson, of Ohio, made a forcible argument against it, by giving the figures in the reports of the state superintendent of schools and the auditor showing the amounts paid in and disbursed for school purposes by and to the various counties of the state. Pending discussion a recess was taken and on re-convening Mr. Stewart Walker took the floor and made a strong speech nearly an hour in length. He declared that the state platforms of both parties had promised the people that taxation should be reduced and he appealed to Republicans and Democrats alike to stand by their promises to the people and vote against the bill. Mr. Thomas, of Putnam, who offered a similar bill two years ago, but engineered it in a bungling manner, replied to Mr. Walker. In fact Mr. Thomas made it a point to reply to almost everybody. He said the bill would not increase but would equalize taxation. It is the duty of the state to educate the children of the state no matter in what county they may reside. He said if there ever was a disgrace to any state it was the independent school district system. It is a plain and flagrant violation of the constitution. Mr. Floyd made a vigorous speech opposing the bill. He characterized the proposition as a robbery and nothing else. Mr. McCallister spoke at some length advocating the bill. He talked from the records and at considerable length.

Mr. Wilson said that Ohio county had in 1892 paid \$31,437. The city of Wheeling received \$13,217 and the county \$3,088, a total of \$16,305, or \$15.12 less than was paid in. The bill would add about \$10,000 to it.

It was stated that Mr. Brockunier had made this question a matter of special investigation and desired to be heard in regard to it but was unable and for this reason an effort was made to adjourn or to make it a special order. The friends of the measure were inclined to oppose this, but at last it was made the special order for 10:30 tomorrow. Outside of this discussion the sessions were very quiet in the house. The committee on humane institutions and public buildings reported, recommending that the word "male," which was yesterday eliminated from the reform school bill, be retained and that the bill be passed. A bill to amend the law relating to cruelty to animals was reported adversely. Mr. Thomas' bill providing for the amicable adjustment of grievances and disputes between employers and employees was reported favorably by the labor committee.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Wilson, of Ohio, to substitute for sections 12, 12A, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of chapter 45 of the code (the road laws) the following: "The county court of every county shall at a session of said court held prior to the first day of May in each year provide for and lay a sufficient amount of tax to open, construct and keep in good repair the roads and bridges of their county during each year." By Mr. Brosius, authorizing the trustees of Berkeley Springs to contract for the surplus water of the springs for the town of Bath and neighborhood. By Mr. Allen, to amend the road law by requiring all liable to road duty to work from four to eight days instead of from two to four as at present. By Mr. Floyd, providing that all executions of the death sentence shall take place privately before sunrise at the Monroeville penitentiary, and providing for a state executioner.

A number of bills were read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

#### SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

In the senate the committee on education reported favorably on the bill to reduce the number of regents of the state university from thirteen to seven, not more than two of whom shall be from the same congressional district. The penitentiary committee reported favorably on the bill to provide for the opening of a street through the penitentiary grounds at Monroeville. The judiciary committee reported back without recommendation the bills to create criminal courts in Wayne, Logan and Marion counties and relating to the election of county superintendents and other school officers.

An adverse report was made on the house bill fixing the liability of insurance companies—the "valued policy" bill. A favorable report was made on the bill amending the town charter of Clarksburg, with some amendments by the committee.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Peck, concerning the taxation of costs for witnesses. By Mr. Marcum, to establish the independent school district of Milton. By Mr. Finley, by request to establish the independent school district of Hayard. By Mr. Parks, relating to the assessment of taxes. By Mr. Shephard, to prevent the entry of osteocephal, forlorned and waste and unappropriated lands on the land books.

Mr. Wiley's bill, defining what constitutes a tramp, and inflicting fines from \$10 to \$100 and imprisonment for not more than one year; Mr. Henderson's bill for the protection of riparian owners, inflicting fines of not more than \$50 and imprisonment for not more than thirty days on owners of shanty and other boats who tie up their boats on other people's property longer than thirty-six hours without permission.

cent in case of distress; Mr. Tarr's bill allowing Brooke county to fund her bonded indebtedness; Mr. Cunningham's bill placing license on the sale of apple and peach brandy, when sold by the distiller in quantities of five gallons or upwards at \$30, were passed.

The bill concerning the rate of tax on hawkers and peddlers was rejected and Mr. Furber's bill to amend the Code concerning proceedings before justices was laid upon the table.

The substitute for senate bill 12, relating to the sale of lands for the school fund, on a second reading, occupied almost the entire time of the afternoon session. It received some amendments and was ordered to its third reading. The Ohio county criminal court bill was read by its title and ordered to its third reading. The finance committee reported favorably on the house bill increasing the number of assessment districts in certain counties, and on a bill amending the law relating to the assessment on taxes. Adverse report was made on the joint resolution providing for the payment of \$168 to the estate of Michael Connelly, deceased, of Tyler county.

#### ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 8.—The Democrats caucused again to-night on matters of party policy. The session was as secret as the previous one, however, it is not believed that any "force bill" measures will be proposed. They are beginning to fear that the session will close too quickly for them and as the Republican members will not vote for an extension they are looking about for ways and means by which matters may be pushed through. Long-winded discussions are to be cut off by calls for the previous question and other methods known to parliamentary law. Most of the committees have about cleared up their work. The judiciary committee promises to take up house bill 42 (the pipe line bill) at its next meeting.

#### THE STREET CAR STRIKE.

No Trouble on the Line Yesterday—The Cars Ran Regularly.

The street cars ran regularly all day yesterday, but the business done was not very large. In six cars the passengers did not average over three each, and of the whole number there were only three men, the others all being women or children. There was no trouble along the line yesterday. The mayor's proclamation and the presence of the police seemed to have a decided moral effect in restraining the disorder. The populace in the south end were much excited, however, and there was quite a sensation when, late in the afternoon, the city patrol wagon was seen going toward the Eighth ward. It was on an innocent errand, merely being intended to bring the officers on duty uptown after the cars stopped running at dark.

A Card from W. H. Williams. To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

Sir:—Please correct a misstatement in this morning's issue, made to you by Mr. Harry Chew, concerning the stopping of a car in front of the one operated by Murrin and Schmitt. I told my little boy to watch for a car, as it was church time, and we were going to church, but he failed to see the car that was ahead of Murrin and Schmitt until it had passed my house. I further state positively that neither myself nor wife left the house to get on any other car than the one operated by Murrin and Schmitt that morning. This statement I can prove by two gentlemen who were in my house at the time. No car stopped for my wife and me, as Mr. Chew has stated. We were not out in the street to cause any car to stop for us. As you were kind enough to give Mr. Chew's statement to the public, I hope you will be kind enough to give my statement also, and oblige.

W. H. WILLIAMS.

Wheeling, Feb. 8.

#### THE LATEST OUTRAGE.

A Stepon of the Cremated Negro Also Lynched—The Body Riddled with Bullets.

PARIS, TEX., Feb. 8.—News has just been received that the body of William Butler, colored, had been found hanging to a limb and riddled with bullets on Hickory Creek, five miles southeast of this city. Butler was a stepson of Henry Smith, who was cremated alive here February 1, and made himself notorious during the search for Smith by claiming to know his whereabouts which he would not divulge.

#### CHARGED WITH A SERIOUS CRIME.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Police Justice Keoch this morning issued a warrant for the arrest of Florence P. Donovan, until recently a member of the New York state board of arbitration. Donovan is charged with being implicated in criminal operations performed on Miss Maggie Munson, for which two female physicians were arrested last night. Miss Munson is now lying critically ill at the residence of one of the accused physicians.

#### ILLINOIS STEEL COMPANY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Reports submitted to-day at the annual meeting of the Illinois Steel Company showed that the corporation had cleared over \$6,117,000 in the past year. It was decided to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds at 5 per cent. No change was made in the directors or officers.

#### THE TRIAL POSTPONED.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 8.—The trial of Batter and Knoll, the anarchists charged with being accessories to the shooting of H. C. Frick, which was fixed for to-day, was postponed until to-morrow.



Mr. Joseph Hemmerich

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#### BOTH WERE SPILIN'

For a Fight and Got It—Congressman Cannon Knocked Out by an Athletic Young Senator.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 8.—A personal encounter in the lobbies of the Leland hotel this morning between Congressman Cannon and State Senator Bacon created much excitement among politicians. For some years Congressman Cannon and Senator Bacon have been rivals in the Republican party, and the quarrels between the factions led by these two gentlemen have been the subject of much newspaper comment from time to time. Cannon attributes his defeat for Congress two years ago to the opposition or lethargy of the Bacon faction, and as Bacon was candidate for congressman before the Republican convention this year only to be defeated by Congressman Cannon, the strife between the two gentlemen naturally increased in intensity.

This morning Congressman Cannon was standing just in front of the hotel office and Senator Bacon left a group of friends and started towards the cloak room for his overcoat. As he passed Congressman Cannon Bacon alleges the congressman struck at him. Immediately there was a rapid interchange of blows and the brief conflict culminated by Cannon falling to the floor from the blow that had been rained upon him by the senator from Edgar county, and when Representative Meyer, Senator Campbell and others interfered the congressman was in such a dazed condition as to be unable to talk for a few moments. His nose and face were bleeding profusely, but none of his injuries appeared to be serious. Bacon insists that Bacon provoked the difficulty by brushing roughly against him as he walked by and that the senator was in reality the aggressor. Bacon maintains that Cannon struck the first blow; and the general conclusion is that both were ready and "eager for the fray."

#### IRISH ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Michael Davitt was to-day elected without opposition to represent Northeast Cork, one of the two seats for which William O'Brien was chosen in the general election, the other seat being for Cork city, which Mr. O'Brien preferred to represent. Viscount Cranborne, son of Lord Salisbury, who formerly represented Darwin, Lancashire, in Parliament and who was beaten in the contest for that borough at the general election by C. P. Huntington, Liberal, was to-day elected without opposition to represent Rochester. The constituency is considered safely Conservative. At the general election Alderman Horatio D. Davies, of London, was elected to represent Rochester by 2,119 votes to 1,719 for Mr. F. R. Maddison, Liberal. The Liberals presented a petition against Mr. Davies under the corrupt practices act and he was unseated on the ground that electors had been unlawfully treated to drinks, etc., in his behalf.

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